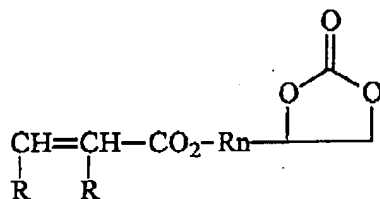


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [00017] on pages 3 and 4 as follows:.

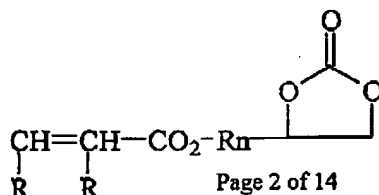
[00017] In another embodiment of the invention, the method of the invention requires an ethylenically unsaturated monomer mixture (a) comprising a monomer (ai) having at least one cyclic carbonate group and the structure



wherein R is hydrogen or a methyl group and R_n is an alkyl chain of from 1 to 4 carbons, and one or more additional ethylenically unsaturated monomers (aii) having functional groups which are unreactive with the cyclic carbonate functional groups of monomer (ai) under free radical polymerization conditions. The monomer mixture (a) is polymerized under free radical polymerization conditions to make an acrylic backbone polymer (b) comprising one or more cyclic carbonate functional groups (bi) and one or more functional groups (bii) which are unreactive with the cyclic carbonate groups (bi) under free radical polymerization conditions. At least one grafting moiety (c) is then provided, said grafting moiety (c) comprising at least one amine group (ci) selected from primary amines, secondary amines, and mixtures of both primary and secondary amines. The one or more functional groups (bii) are then reacted with one or more compounds (d) to provide a functional group (bii'), followed by reaction of the at least one amine group (ci) of the grafting moiety (c) with the cyclic carbonate functional groups (bi) to make a urethanized acrylic graft polymer.

Please amend paragraph [00025] on pages 5 and 6 as follows:.

[00025] In another embodiment of the invention, the method of the invention requires an ethylenically unsaturated monomer mixture (a) comprising a monomer (ai) having at least one cyclic carbonate group and the structure



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wherein R is hydrogen or a methyl group and R_n is an alkyl chain of from 1 to 4 carbons, and one or more additional ethylenically unsaturated monomers (a_{ii}) having functional groups which are unreactive with the cyclic carbonate functional groups of monomer (a_i) under free radical polymerization conditions. The monomer mixture (a) is polymerized under free radical polymerization conditions to make an acrylic backbone polymer (b) comprising one or more cyclic carbonate functional groups (b_i) and one or more functional groups (b_{ii}) which are unreactive with the cyclic carbonate groups (b_i) under free radical polymerization conditions. At least one grafting moiety (c) is then provided, said grafting moiety (c) comprising at least one amine group (c_i) selected from primary amines, secondary amines, and mixtures of both primary and secondary amines. The one or more functional groups (b_{ii}) are then reacted with one or more compounds (d) to provide a functional group (b_{ii}'), followed by reaction of the at least one amine group (c_i) of the grafting moiety (c) with the cyclic carbonate functional groups (b_i) to make a urethanized acrylic graft polymer.